(b) by when, laying of Optical Fibre Cable would be completed in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) laid in the State of Tamil Nadu is 43048 Kilometres (Kms) as on 30.6.2004. For the year 2004-05, Optical Fibre Cable proposed to be laid in the State of Tamil Nadu is 1900 Kms and out of which 221 Kms Optical Fibre Cable has already been laid.

(b) OFC laying work is continuous in nature and depends on demand and forecast of the services. The proposed plan of laying 1900 Kms will be achieved by the end of March, 2005.

Software Technology Parks of India in Tamil Nadu

918. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park of India at Hosur, in Tamil Nadu considering vast scope for setting up of a park there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration. The decision to set up a centre of the Software Technology Parks of India is taken in partnership with the State Government concerned, having regard to the Centre's projected viability and the growth potential of software and services exports in that area. No proposal for setting up a Software Technology Park at Hosur has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Commemorative Postal Stamp on Kuvempu and Keladi Chennamma

919. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister **of** COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring out stamps on Kuvempu and Keladi Chennamma who fought against foreign rule in Karnataka; and